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Title: Need to resolve the Mullaperiyar dam issue.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): The Mullaperiyar dam was built in 1895 and has outlived its utility. The recent tremors during the past four months numbering twenty has developed cracks and fissures on the ageing structure, the last being on November 18 recording an intensity of 3.8 on the Richter scale. Seismic studies by scientists and engineers have found that the dam site is prone to tremors of intensity up to 6.5 on the Richter scale.

The people of Kerala have always shown magnanimity and cordial neighbourly relations with Tamil Nadu. The State Government of Kerala has now resolved to curtail the storage level of the dam to ensure safety to dilapidated structure while underlining its commitment to Tamil Nadu by not curtailing supplies of even a single drop of water out of the committed quantity. It has long been established that only a new dam, downstream the present one will provide safety to more than thirty lakh people living in the downstream settlements whose lives are under perennial threat by the recurring tremors in the dam bed. The Government of Kerala is duty bound to ensure safety of more than thirty lakh people living downstream in the event of a disaster by resolving for the construction of a new dam structure.

My earnest appeal to all would be to stand by the decision of the Kerala Government in a spirit of give and take. The Kerala Government's decision to plead for new dam is prudent and workable in the larger interests of people living downstream of the existing dam site and of the bordering districts of Tamil Nadu whose sustenance depends on continued supply of Mullaperiyar waters. I would therefore, urge the centre to resolve the issue with mutual consent of both Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग बैठ जाएं, महंगाई पर चर्चा है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: It is very important.

...(*Interruptions*)

12.06Â¼ hrs.

At this stage, Shri C. Rajendran and some other hon. Members

went back to their seats

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग बैठ जाएं। बहुत दिनों से सभी चाहते थे कि महंगाई और इनफ्लेशन पर चर्चा हो। 193 के तहत चर्चा लगी हुई है। सबकी इच्छा इस पर चर्चा करने की है और जनता भी देख रही है। आप चर्चा शुरू होने दीजिए।

Shri Gurudas Dasgupta.

12.07 hrs

At this stage, Shri S. Semmalai and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Madam, what has happened to them today? What made them rise in their seats today?...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : महंगाई पर चर्चा चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप शांत हो जाइए। गुरुदास जी को बोलने दीजिए। प्रश्नकाल भी स्थगित हो गया है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : गुरुदास जी आप चर्चा शुरू कीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

12.12 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.

14.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)